ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Cahaba Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Gallion Baptist Church, Hale County, Alabama,

OCTOBER 11th AND 12th, 1899.

OFFICERS:

T. T. DAUGHDRILL, MODERATOR, ... Marion, Ala.
J. C. LAWRENCE, ... Marion, Ala.
CLERK AND TREASURER.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Letters.
3. Organization.
4. Receive Correspondents.
5. Introductory Sermon.
6. Report on Education.
7. Report on Missions.
8. Report on Sabbath Schools.
9. Report on Woman's and Young Peoples' Work.
10. Report on Literature.
11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Orphanage.
13. Reports of Special Committees.
14. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

The messengers composing the 81st annual session of Cahaba Baptist Association assembled in the Baptist Church at Gallion, in Hale county, at 10:30 o'clock, Wednesday morning, October 11th, 1899.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. W. G. Curry, of Livingston, Ala.

The Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by Association Clerk, brother J. C. Lawrence; after which the letters from the various churches of the Association were read by Revs. P. V. Bomar and J. W. Dunaway, and the following delegates were enrolled:

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Antioch—Not represented.

Bethel—J W Mitchell, Thos. Fawcett.

Bethlehem—Not represented.

Centreville—J. M Brown, Virgil McKinly, and J. C. Suttle.

Concord—T. S Bolling, J S. Bolling, W. A. Rogers and Thos. Oakes.

Ephesus—C. S. Hughes and R. L. Nichols.

Fellowship—Perry--J. T. Curb, L. R. Monts, J. B. Poole and J. S. Gray.

Felllowship—Dallas--J. W. Dunaway, J. Y. Friday, J. E. Terry, L. J. Terry, A. B. Jones, J. O. Wright and Alonzo Eaves.

Friendship—Not represented.

Gallion—C. W. Collins, J. T. Collins, R. W. Collins.

Greensboro--D. W. Ward, Wm. Martin and sister D. W. Ward.

Harmony--D. S. Griffin, Will McMillan and Jno. McCarter.

Hepzibah--W. E. Terry, C. S Heard, and J. W. Goodger. alt. J. A. McCrary, A. M. Perry and J.H. Jones. Ladies Aid, Miss Fannie Caffee.

Hopewell--J. H. Martin, J. Herbert Hogue, R. E. Lee, J

W. Tubb, Wm. Pope, J. H. Martin, Mrs. J. R. Hogue, Miss Mary Tubb, Miss Estelle West.

Mars Hill—Not represented.

Macedonia—C. B. Ryan and G. E. Chandler.

Medline—L. P. Nichols, Jos. Sanders, Jr.

Mt. Gilead—J. W. Mitchell.

Mt. Olive—A. Miller, W. Hughey, H. R. Taylor.

Mt. Hebron—W. C. Gewin; J. J. Stivender, J. B. May.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

New Berne—Woman Missionary meeting: Mrs. G. H. Taylor, Misses Hattie Pollard and Alice Woods. G. H. Taylor, W. L. Dyer, and Geo. Woods.

New Hope—J. S. Davis, W. M. Tubb, Eddy Massinger.

New Shiloh—C. C. Cosby.

Oak Grove—W. P. McCollum.

Ocmulgee—Willie Quarles, Walter Weaver, R. L. Campbell, and Rev. J. A. McCrary.

Pine Flat—E. P. George, J. M. McCullough.

Pine Grove—Not represented.

Pisgah—J. W. Dunaway, W. T. Davis, G. P. Smith, J. B. Osburn, J. A. Fuller, Jr., J. T. Fuller.

Sardis—J. T. Griffin and Edgar Tubb.

Siloam—J. T. Murfee, J. C. Lawrence, P. V. Bomar, Robt. G. Patrick, T. T. Daughdrill. J. B. Loyelace.

Stewarts's Station—J. W. Whatley, P. T. Harris and Wm. George.

Union—H. T. Stringfellow, Albert Lawrence F. M. McMillan.

Uniontown—C. C. Carr, T. B. Craighead, A. Perkins.

The body was then permanently organized. Bro. T. T. Daughdriil was elected Moderator and Bro. J. C. Lawrence, Clerk.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed and invited to seats in our body: Rev. W. G. Curry representing Bigbee Association; Rev. J. A. Howard, Ala. Baptist; J. W. Stewart, of the Orphanage; and Bro. G. S. Anderson of the Institute Board; also Bro. DeWitt, of Oak Grove, and Bro. Schramm, of the church at Stewart's Station, both of whom have recently taken charge of these churches, which are in our Association. After a song and prayer, the Introductory sermon was preached by Bro. J. W. Mitchell. After a song the Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Exercises were opened with a song followed with prayer by Bro. Schramm. The Moderator then appointed the following committees to report at this session : On finance ; D. W. Ward, C. C. Cosby, and R. L. Nichols. On nominations: J. T. Curb, D. J. Griffin, J. M. McCullough and J. W. Dunaway.

Report on Education was then read by Bro. Paul. V. Bomar.

Report on Ministerial Education was next read by Bro. J. E. Barnes. It was agreed that these reports should be discussed together.

The discussion was opened by Bro. W. G Curry, of Livingston.

On motion the work of the Institute Board was added to the discussion and Bro. G. S. Anderson was requested to open it, which he did in an able manner; after which a collection was taken and twenty dollars in cash was contributed. A resolution apportioning $100.00 among the churches of the Association for the support of the Institute work was adopted as part of the report on Ministerial Education, made by Bro. J. E Barnes. Association adjourned until 9 A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. W. Stewart, of the Baptist Orphanage, after which the Moderator took charge of the meeting. Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved. Church letters from Uniontown, Fellowship in Dallas, and Oak Grove, were received and read. Bro. Patrick then presented Bro. A. J. Dickinson, of the Selma Association. He was cordially welcomed and invited to take part in the deliberations of the Association.

Bro. E. E. George, of Howard College, was then invited to address the Association. He made quite an interesting talk concerning Howard College and the progress and character of the work there. His report was an encouraging one. He was followed by Bro. J. W. Dunaway who made an appeal in behalf of Ministerial Education. After which a subscription amounting to $131.50 was made up among the

churches, for the support of Bro. George at Howard. Bro. Schramm then addressed the Association on Ministerial Education. Bro. George expressed his thanks to the Association. He was followed by Dr. A. J. Dickinson on the report on Education. The subject was further discussed by Bros. Patrick and Schramm. The reports were then adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was then read by Bro. R. G. Patrick.

On motion of Bro. Bomar the regular order of business was suspended and the Missionary sermon and the discussions of the reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions was set for Thursday night.

Report on Literature was then read by Bro. J. C. Lawrence, and was ably discussed by Bro. A. J. Dickenson, and Bro. Schramm. The report was adopted.

Bro. J.W. Stewart then addressed the Association in behalf of the Orphanage, followed by Bro. Schramm and Bro. Bomar. After which a collection was taken amounting to $38.35.

On motion of Bro. Patrick a report on the Orphanage was asked of Bro. Stewart, to be incorporated in the minutes, as no report was submitted by the brother who was appointed to report on that important Institution. Motion was adopted. Bro. Stewart failed to furnish the report but made a verbal report showing a good work at the orphanage.

Brother Patrick then addressed the Asssociation in behalf of the Greensboro church, and a collection was taken amounting to about eighty-five dollars. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session of Association was opened with song and prayer. The report on Sunday Schools sent in by Bro. J. A. McCrary, was read by the Clerk, and the discussion was opened by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, who was welcomed to the Association and invited to take part in the discussions. It was further discussed by Bro. J. C. Sanders of Bethel Association.

On motion of Bro. Patrick the vote changing the order of business and placing the discussion of Missions Thursday night was reconsidered and the subject of Missions was

again taken up. The report on Home Missions was then read by Bro. J. W. Dunaway, and the report on State Missions was read by Bro. Schramm. The discussion was then opened by Bro. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board of Missions. Further discussion was postponed until the night session. On motion an increase of 25 per cent. in the apportionments for missions was agreed upon.

Committee on nominations then made its report. Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

After song and prayer the Missionary sermon was preached by Bro. J. W. Dunaway, and a collection of $16.41 was taken up. The subject was further discussed by Bros. Crumpton, Schramm, and Sanders.

On motion the report of the Woman's meeting, showing the progress of Woman's work within the bounds of the Association; was ordered printed in the minutes.

Report on Temperance was read by Bro. DeWitt, who also opened the discussion, followed by Bro. Cabaniss. Report was adopted.

The report of the Finance committee was then read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

By Bro. Barnes: Resolved, that the following brethren be appointed to serve during the ensuing year as an Executive Committee: Paul V. Bomar, J. B. Lovelace, J. T. Fitzgerald, J. A. Martin and J. T. Curb.

By Dr. Patrick: Resolved, that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Gallion Baptist church and community for the generous and bountiful hospitality extended us during the meeting of this Association.

The convention then adjourned to meet again at the time and place designated in the report on nominations.

T. T. DAUGHDRILL, Moderator.

J. C. LAWRENCE, CLERK.

REPORTS READ AND ADOPTED.

Report on Nominations.

We your committee suggest that we meet with Centreville church on Wednesday after the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1900. That Dr. R. G. Patrick preach the Introductory Sermon; That Rev. W. H. DeWitt preach the Missionary Sermon. We submit the following program:

Report on Education—Robert G. Patrick, M. Fuller and J. A. McCrary.

Report on State Missions—Paul V. Bomar.

Report on Home Missions—J. W. Mitchell.

Report on Foreign Missions—H. R. Schramm.

Report Sunday Schools—J. E. Barnes.

Report on Orphan's Home—J. A. Howard.

Report on Woman's and Young People's Work.—J. M. Tucker.

Report on Literature.—J. G. Dickinson.

Report on Temperance—E. P. George.

Report on Ministerial Education—J. T. Murfee.

Report on Institute Work—J. W. Haggard.

We nominate to represent us in the State Convention to meet at Gadsden in November, brethren J. G. Dickinson, P. V. Bomar, J. W. Haggard, E. P. George, J. W. Mitchell, R. G. Patrick, D. D., J. P. Harris, T. T. Daughdrill and D. W. Ward. To represent us at the Southern Baptist Convention Bro. J. E. Barnes—Alternate, Bro J. W. Dunaway.

Jno. T. Curb, J. McCullough, J. S. Griffin and J. W. Dunaway, Committee.

Report on Finance.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:

Total sent in from the different churches for the various objects:	Cash	$ 234.36.
	Vouchers	1183.48.
Collections today for Orphanage		38.35.
" " " Institute Board		20.15.
" " " Missions		16.41.
		$ 1482.75.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Ward,
C. C. Cosby,
R. L. Nichols. } Committee

Report on State Missions.

The subject of state missions is no new subject in this Association. This work has been divided in two parts, that of assisting weak churches to help support their pastors and Evangelistic work. The state Board of Missions have helped many of our weak churches in the State. The State Board have only had two Evangelists in the field, Rev. A. J. Preston and Rev. J. W. Sandlin. They have done a good work. The State Board has also undertaken to refund the amount due Greensboro to build them a Baptist church. We rejoice to report progress along this line. The church is being built and it is hoped to be completed by Jan'y 1st 1900. Dr. R. G. Patrick is preaching for them twice a month and has done a faithful work.

The Board could assist Associations to put a live man as Missionary and Colporter in each Association to preach, visit each home read the Bible and have prayer in these homes, and disseminate religious tracts and awaken sinners and thus combat the evil influence of Mormonism in our state. If every Association had a well posted preacher to preach baptist doctrine in every church in our Associations and talk in the homes, it would not be long before Mormonism would wane and Alabama would become strong in baptist principles.

We are glad that Bro. W. B. Crumpton is again our corresponding Secretary. We recommend that regular monthly collections be taken for missions.

Respectfully submitted, H. R. Schramm.

Report on Home Missions.

Organized mission work in America, under Baptist auspices commenced with the constitution of the Philadelphia Association in 1707. From the beginning this famous body has been sound in the faith and missionary spirit and work. Our development in many of the States, in missions and education, is due to this organization. A notable event occurred in 1813. Judson and Rice on their voyage as missionaries to the foreign field were converted to Baptist views. This special providence caused the Baptists of the North and South to organize in 1814, the triennial Baptist convention for foreign missions. The Baptists of the South were in co-operation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society from 1832 to the establishment of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845 a period of 13 years. In that time they contributed to the funds of the Society only about $38,000. But 13 years after the separation through the Home Mission Board of the Southern convention about $266,000 were given which is seven times as much.

In 1845 the Baptists of the South numbered about 250,000 whites and 20,000 blacks, but now more than half of the Baptists in the world are in the South. At this time every capital of a State and each city of any note was mission ground. State organizations were not known in many states. Many unconverted Indian tribes, and thousands of negroes were among us. Under the new plan of work of the Board great results followed. The following churches receiving help in the States named:

Maryland—The Board established missions among the Germans and Negroes.

District of Columbia—The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th churches in Washington received aid.

Virginia — Richmond, Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Lynchburg, Manchester, Portsmouth and other places.

North Carolina—Raleigh, Asheville, Charlotte, Columbia, Edenton, Hendersonville and Sumter.

Georgia—Atlanta, Athens, Augusta, Darien, St. Mary's and others.

Florida—Tallahassee, Fernandina, Jacksonville and Pensacola.

Alabama -- Montgomery, Cahaba, Huntsville, Mobile, Opelika and Selma.

Mississippi—Jackson, Corinth, Natchez, Vicksburg and West Point.

Tennessee—Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis.

Missouri—Jefferson City, Louisiana City, St. Joseph and St. Louis.

Arkansas--Little Rock, Dardenelle, Batesville, Camden, Ft. Smith and Helena.

Louisiana—Baton Rouge, Monroe, Nachitooches, New Orleans and Shrevesport.

Texas—Was born the year of the Southern Baptist Convention and her multiplicity of churches that have been lifted up by the Home Mission Board are too numerous to mention.

Cuba—This Island perhaps owes all that she will ever be politically, morally and religiously to the principles imparted by the Home Mission Board, that taught her freedom in State and Church. The time and money expended in Cuba has come back in "measure shaken together, pressed down" and heaped up to the Home Board. Cuba and her neighboring Islands have been blessed with the presence of Drs. Powell and McCormick, who could with ability explain the Bible in their own tongue.

Dr. F. H. Kerfoot has been employed by the Board to

take the place of Dr. I. T. Tichenor, in his department. With such help as Dr. Kerfoot combined with other helps what may we not accomplish? The great need of the Board is not men, but money. Will not each member of the church in the Cahaba Association give something within twelve months to Home Missions? Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Dunaway.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Southern Baptists are doing Missionary work in Africa, China, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan and it is a cause for devout gratitude to God that from nearly all these fields the most inspiring reports have been received. Our Foreign Mission Board has recently announced that up to this time more converts have been received into the churches on our foreign fields than in any previous year, and that on those fields where there have been some losses on account of the resignation or retirement of several missionaries the outlook is decidedly more hopeful. And while the Lord of the Harvest is blessing the labors of our forces abroad, it is a pleasure to known that the interest at home seems to be increasing. In answer to the prayer of the faithful among the people of God many of our choicest young men and women are offering to the Board for service in the regions beyond. How remarkable it seems therefore in view of the prosperous condition of the missions abroad and the fervent love of many who are joyously offering themselves upon the sacrifice and service of our faith that there should be any lack of means to increase the force in the dark places of the earth where men are so much needed. To the Cahaba Association there should ever be the most burning zeal for this work as several of the most faithful and successful missionaries went out from our churches, notably Bro. and Mrs. J. W. McCollum whose labors in Japan have been so richly blessed, and Miss Willie Kelley in China.

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville last May in a meeting of wonderful spiritual power it was decided with great enthusiasm to call for an increase of 25 per cent. over the contributions of last year, and if our churches are to do their duty and meet the expectations of the Board it will be necessary to urge upon them the importance of carrying out the expressed will of the Convention and as we believe also the will of God. The last annual report of the Board concludes as follows:

"The glorious success of our work the past year, the hundreds of conversions, the large number of men and women begging to be sent to mission fields, the wide-open doors and

wonderful facilities for work, with God's command to us, constitute such a clear and ringing call to Southern Baptists for foreign mission work as should awaken every pastor, every church, every lover of the Lord to renewed zeal and activity. To falter or hesitate is to neglect plain duty and urgent opportunity."

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. PATRICK,

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

One of the greatest factors in forming the character and influencing the lives of our people is the literature they read. Many people claim to have had the whole trend of their lives changed by the reading of a book. How important then it is that we as christian people, and as an organization realize our duty along these lines and use our best endeavors to place in the hands of our people, old and young, only such literature as will tend to elevate, edify and strengthen mentally, morally and spiritually the minds and characters of the laity; and to lose no opportunity to discourage and condemn the reading of all literature of a pernicious or even doubtful character. Considering the great importance of this matter I think we cannot deny that it is one upon which we are entirely too careless and indifferent.

In the selection of literature of course the Bible must have first place, then our denominational literature, such as the Alabama Baptist, our mission journals and the various publications of our Baptist Publication Societies. In addition to these there is much good, pure literature that will brighten and cheer the family circle and stimulate religious progress. In fact, there is so much good literature to be had so cheap that it becomes a sin in itself for Christian people to waste their time in reading or allowing to come into their homes the frivolous, sensational literature which is also abundant. We should be as careful in our choice of books and literature as in the choice of our friends—for "The Fatal Fisher hooks souls while we waste moments" over trashy literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LAWRENCE.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The subject of Ministerial Education is an exceedingly important one, and needs to be emphasized in this Association. It needs to be emphasized because of the open opposition to it upon the part of some, the indifference, upon the part of others, and because of the great need of men called of God, with trained minds, to instruct and lead the great host of God's people.

We need men of well trained minds, whether trained in

the classic halls of some college, or university, or in a more simple way, to lead us in the different spheres of life. There are great problems to be solved and much depends upon the right solution of these problems. There is much suffering that needs to be alleviated, and we need the skilled physician and surgeon. If we stand in need of the services of the very best trained men along these several different lines, much more do we stand in need of the most efficient service men can render to solve the greatest of all problems, viz: "What must I do to be saved."

I do not want any one to misunderstand me at this point. I am not one who believes that an educated ministry is, of itself, all we need. Neither do I agree with those who believe that an education amounts to nothing, and that God's spirit will fill our mouths with the right message, without any preparation on our part when we preach. But I do most earnestly believe that the man who is called of God to preach, and who goes forth with a well trained mind, believing that the work to which God has called him is not to be accomplished by might or by force, but by God's spirit will accomplish much more for Christ and his fellowman, than the one who hasn't any training.

As Luther Rice travelled through this country in the early part of this century, trying to arouse the Baptists of America in behalf of Foreign Missions, he discovered that the greatest obstacle he had to contend with was our uneducated ministry. Therefore, he combined the two great subjects of Missions and Ministerial Education. As a result of this, Columbian University was founded at Washington, D. C. Later on the Baptists of Alabama founded Howard College for the purpose of educating her rising ministry.

Later on the Baptists of the South feeling the need of a theological school in which to train their young preachers as well as older ones who felt the need of such a training, founded our Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., and in after years moved it to Louisville, Ky.

We should each feel a special interest in these two schools because of the purpose for which they were founded. We should emphasize this subject and feel its great importance because God's word lays emphasis on it.

I gather this from the life of Elisha, from the life of Christ, from the conduct of Aquilla and Priscilla towards the young preacher Apollos and from the call of Saul of Tarsus to the greatest work to which man has been called.

As we study the lives of such men of God, as Paul, Carey, Judson, Yates, Spurgeon, and a host of others, we see what God has wrought through men whose minds were trained, and whose lives were filled with the Holy Spirit.

In conclusion your committee notes with pleasure the

progress young Bro. E. E. George, our beneficiary, is making with his studies in Howard College, and we recommend that the Association continue to aid in his behalf during this present session at Howard.

We would also recommend that we share our contributions with our Seminary at Louisville, Ky. These two schools have opened well and President E. Y. Mullins, of the Seminary, seems to be the man for this position.

Your committee is gratified to learn of the great work which is being accomplished by the Board of the Institute Work, the youngest board of our State Convention. In view of the great work which is committed to this board, and in view of the work that is being done on the field, therefore, be it resolved that we endeavor to raise for this work during this year $100, and that the committee on apportionment be instructed to apportion this amount among the churches of this body. Respectfully submitted, J. E. Barnes.

Report on Education.

"Prove me now and see," saith the Lord. Whenever God's people in generous giving have thus proved the Lord he has shown himself more than willing to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing. See this illustrated in the recent history of the educational institutions of the Baptists of Alabama. When the debt was lifted from the Judson that noble institution immediately awoke to fuller life. Many additions were made to the equipment and facilities for teaching, and the number of pupils was greatly increased. Last year was the best year for many years, and this year promises to be even better. How could a father do better by his daughter than by giving her the advantages of a thorough education in the Judson?

And now the debt has been lifted from Howard! Last summer saw the last dollar of that burdensome debt paid. And some of the good results are already manifest. More students, better equipments, and great enthusiasm and hopefulness as to the future of Howard. The future is indeed bright with promise.

When will the Baptists of the State prove the Lord again by generously endowing these worth institutions of learning?

We are glad also to report that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary opened auspiciously the first of October. President E. Y. Mullins, who recently succeeded President Whitsitt, is proving himself the man for the place. Let us not forget this school in our prayers.

Respectfully submitted, Paul V. Bomar.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School has done and is doing a great part in advancing the Lord's Kingdom. A Sunday school properly conducted, affords such great opportunities for learning so many useful facts in sacred history, and also brings out so many beautiful spiritual lessons which are inspiring to the soul. We have often thought when we see a well organized school at work, how much pleased the Lord must be when He looks with His tender heart of love and sees so many of his followers on the Lord's day so deeply concerned about the study of that which affords such wholesome food for both mind and soul. Through the influence of the Sunday school many lives are brought to Christ at home and abroad. A teacher who has the love of God truly in his heart, (and these are the only kind that should teach in such schools) will do all that is in his power to impress the great importance of having a Savior to reign in the heart of man and will also impress the teachings of the Bible as taught by our Master concerning mission work, so by this means many are converted through the word taught in faith, and the hearts of these go out for those who have not been blessed with the opportunities that they have been blessed with. The Sunday school work could be greatly improved in many localities if the older people would take more interest. We notice at some places the schools are conducted wholly by the young people while the fathers and mothers remain at home, "and this ought not so to be" but they should lend a helping hand and a willing heart while they see a few boys and girls trying to hold up Christ to a dying world, so your committee calls special attention of the parents to this great and very important work. Respectfully submitted, J. A. McCrary.

Report on Temperance.

The bold defiance of intemperance is seen on every hand. Who knowns the magnitude of intemperance? The nations it has robbed: The lives it has blighted, the souls it has damned. The influence of intemperance is seen and sorely felt in every enterprise. The cost of tobacco amounted last year to more than the bread stuff of the United States. The cost of drink in the last year amounted to more than one billion of dollars directly and directly. The world's death rate on intemperance is alarming, as thousands fill intemperate graves each year. Brethren let us meet this great monster first by example; 2nd by petition to God; 3rd by a rigid inforcing of the temperance laws we have.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. DeWitt.

The Woman's Meeting.

The woman's meeting of Cahaba Association was called to order by the Vice-President, Miss Pollard, in the parlor of Mrs. Davies, of Gallion, Wednesday, October 11th.

Mrs. C. W. Collins led the devotional exercises. This was followed by the enrollment of delegates, as follows:

Miss Pollard and Miss Woods, Newberne; Mrs. Lovelace and Mrs. Lawrence, Marion; Mrs. C. W. Collins, Mrs. E. D. Davies, Mrs. Ashley Collins, Gallion; Mrs. Ward and Miss Ward, Greensboro.

The Ladies' Aid or Missionary Society work was first discussed. Mrs. C. W. Collins stated that for some time they had had no organized society, but had contributed regularly through the church, and that they were willing to fall into the state plan of Woman's Work.

The Sunbeam work was next taken up, and Miss Lou McCall made helpful remarks along this line.

The reports from B. Y. P. U. societies were next read and discussed.

Miss Pollard read a paper stating the object of this meeting. This was followed by a paper on "Our Foreign Missionaries," by Mrs. J. B. Lovelace, of Marion.

Letters from Mrs. McCollum and Miss Kelley, two of our missionaries, were read by Mrs. Joe Collins.

Miss Woods read "Eleven Years of Gleaning," by Miss Annie W. Armstrong.

The report on "Our Duty to the Negro," was made by Mrs. C. W. Collins, of Gallion.

Miss McCall next gave an outline of the undenominational Woman's Work at Monteagle, and urged all societies to send reports to these meetings during the summer months.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage, and much that will make the children comfortable was given, as well as some money.

Miss Pollard, of Newberne, and Mrs. Ward of Greensboro, were elected delegates to the Woman's Meeting of the State Convention at Gadsden in November.

Only nine Woman's Aid Societies were reported in the Asssociation, but many pledged themselves upon returning home to try to organize.

Adjourned to meet next September at Centreville.

Miss Hattie Pollard,
Associational Vice-President.

Mrs. J. C Lawrence, Secretary.

APPORTIONMENTS.

Apportionments for Missions.

[Increased 25 per cent. over last year's.]

Antioch	$ 6.25	Mt. Gilead	$ 31.25
Bethel	31.25	Mt. Hebron	15.00
Bethlehem	12.50	Mt. Olive	12.25
Centreville	31.25	Mt. Zion	25.00
Concord	31.25	New Berne	62.50
Ephesus	12.50	New Hope	25.00
Fellowship (Perry Co.)	31.25	New Shiloh	37.50
Fellowship (Dallas Co.)	31.25	Oak Grove	31.25
Friendship	18.75	Ocmulgee	37.50
Gallion	137.50	Pine Flat	37.50
Greensboro	12.50	Pine Grove	12.50
Harmony	6.25	Pisgah	37.50
Hepzibah	31.25	Sardis	12 50
Hopewell	62.50	Siloam	250.00
Macedonia	25.00	Stewart Station	31.25
Mars Hill	12.50	Union	37.50
Medline	12.50	Uniontown	125.00

Apportionments for Orphanage.

Antioch	$ 3.00	Mt. Gilead	$ 5.00
Bethel	10.00	Mt. Hebron	3.00
Bethlehem	5.00	Mt. Olive	3.00
Centreville	5.00	Mt. Zion	10.00
Concord	5.00	New Berne	25.00
Ephesus	5.00	New Hope	5.00
Fellowship (Perry county)	10.00	New Shiloh	10.00
Fellowship (Dallas county)	5.00	Oak Grove	5.00
Friendship	5.00	Ocmulgee	10.00
Gallion	20.00	Pine Flat	10.00
Greensboro	5.00	Pine Grove	3.00
Harmony	3.00	Pisgah	10.00
Hepzibah	5.00	Sardis	3.00
Hopewell	15.00	Siloam	50.00
Macedonia	5.00	Stewarts Station	5 00
Mars Hill	5.00	Union	5.00
Medline	3.00	Uniontown	20 00

Apportionments for Ministerial Education.

Antioch $3.00; Bethel 10 00; Bethlehem 5.00; Centreville 5.00 Concord 5.00; Ephesus 5.00; Fellowship (Perry) 5.00; Fellowship (Dallas) 5.00; Friendship 5.00; Gallion 20.00; Greensboro 5.00; Harmony 3.00; Hepzibah 5.00; Hopewell 15 00; Macedonia 5 00; Mars Hill 5 00; Medline 3.00; Mt. Gilead 5.00; Mt. Hebron 3.00; Mt. Olive 3.00; Mt. Zion 10.00; New Berne 15.00; New Hope 5.00; New Shiloh 10.00; Oak Grove 5.00; Ocmulgee 10.00; Pineflat 10.00; Pine Grove 3.00; Pisgah 10.00; Sardis 3.00; Siloam 50.00; Stewart Station 5.00; Union 6.00; Uniontown 20.00.

STATISTICS OF CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported	Increase By Baptism.	Increase By Letter.	Increase By Restoration.	Decrease By Letter.	Decrease By Exclusion.	Decrease By Erasure.	Decrease By Death.	Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Pupils.	Revivals Reported.
Bethel	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell	J. P. Harris	Harrisburg	110	1	...	....	4		....	....	107	5	38	1
Centerville	"	J. A. Howard	J. C. Suttle	Vick	59	...	10	....	2	...	..	2	65	10	69	
Concord	Perry	J. W. Mitchell	T. S. Bolling	Sprotts	73		1	3	2	....	6	1	76	10	50	1
Ephesus	"	J. M. Tucker	J. C. Taylor	Theo	105	4	....	..	....	....	6	3	100			
Fellowship	"	J. W. Mitchell	E. C. Carter	Curbville	116	6	....	....	2	1	13	1	105	15	92	1
Fellowship	Dallas	J. W. Dunaway	E. W. Bailey	Plantersville	223	6	1	2	....	1	....	1	230	5	40	
Gallion	Hale	J. G. Dickinson	J. H. Davies	Gallion	53	....		.	1	10	....	...	42	8	45	
Greensboro	"	R. G. Patrick	D. W. Ward	Greensboro	41	8	..	....	3	....	....	2	39	6	25	
Harmony	Perry	J. W. Haggard	D. S. Griffin	"	14	..	....	..	2	....	..	1	11			
Hepzibah	"	W. H. Connell	S. J. Bolling	Pinetucky	60	....	4	..	..	..	....	....	64	5	25	1
Hopewell	"	J. E. Barnes	Emmet Pope	Folsom	66	5	1	...	....	.	....	1	71	7	50	1
Macedonia	Hale	H. R. Schramm.	G. E. Chandler.	Havana.	54	....	..	....	3	....	....	1	50	7	44	1
Medline	Perry	A. M. Perry	J. H. Harrison	Chadwick.	105	..	..	....	2	1	25	2	75			1
Mt. Gilead	"	J. W. Mitchell	Wiley Stewart	Abercrombie	58	2	11	....	1	...	6	....	64	5	50	
Mt. Hebron	Hale	H. R. Schramm.	J. J. Stivender	Akron	22	8	8	1	2	..	..	..	37	6	33	1
Mt. Olive	Perry	J. M. Tucker.	A. Miller.	Adler.	82	2	..	....	....	1	....	..	83	4	30	
Newbern	Hale	J. E. Barnes	Smith Anderson	Newbern	49	1	2	..	4	....	....	1	46	9	35	1
New Hope	Perry	J. M. Tucker	John S. Davis.	Rock Hill.	110	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	110			
New Shiloh	Perry.	J. W. Dunuway	W. T. Pierson	Perryville.	41		5	...	1	..	....	..	45			
Ocmulgee.	Perry	J. H. McCrary	R. H. Hanson	"	75	10		....	4	....	....	1	80	5	20	1
Oak Grove	"	W. H. DeWitt	W. P. McCollum	Bridges.	14	....	..	..	...		..	....	14			
Pine Flat	"	J. W. Dunaway	R. L. Potts	Perryville.	100	....	2	....	4	7	....	....	89	6	70	
Pisgah	"	J. W. Dunaway	W. W. Smlth	"	123	....	1	....	3	5	3	....	113	7	60	
Sardis	"	Adam Fiske	J. T. Griffin	Ironville	94	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	95			
Siloam	"	P. V. Bomar.	J. C. Lawrence	Marion	237	10	10	..	16	..	...	4	237	20	183	1
Stewart's Station	Hale	H. R. Schramm	E. D. Avery	Havana	16	....	1	1	..	....	....	....	18			1
Union	"	.....	H. T. Stringfellow	Greensboro	68	2	2	1	3	..	..	1	69			
Uniontown	Perry	J. G. Dickinson	O. L. Woodfin	Uniontown	67	...	3	....	....	...	..	2	68	7	37	
TOTAL.	....		....	.....	2235	61	61	8	59	26	59	24	2203	141	971	11

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—Antioch, Bethlehem, Friendship, Mt, Zion, Mars Hill, Pine Grove. Only four churches reported prayer-meeting—Siloam, Sardis, New Hope and Macedonia.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Buildings not at Home	Associational.	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial Education	College Buildings.	Ladies' Aid and Sunbeams	Orphans' Home.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and New Buildings	Poor, Fuel, Sunday School etc.	Institute Work.	Value of Church Buildings.
Bethel	Bibb	$ 11.80	$ 9.75	$ 9.20	$	$	$	$ 5.00	$	$	$ 10.15	$ 1.50	$ 120.00	$	$ 14.00	$	$ 800.00
Centerville	"	11.82	5.91	5.91		.50		19 15			5.00	1.00				5.75	1500.00
Concord	Perry	5.32	5.32	5.32				5.00			6.30	1.50	100.00		3.66	2.50	700.00
Ephesus	"			5.00							5.00	1.50					
Fellowship	"	9.48	5.00	6.23		2 00		5 00			5.00	2.00	110.00		30.75		400.00
Fellowship	Dallas	32.25		9.35	10.43			15.00	5.00		12.50	3.00				2.50	
Gallion	Hale	23.05	10.00	25.00				15 00			19.24	1.50	335.00		39.70		2000.00
Greensboro	"	5.00		5.00	12.00	.50		5.00			4.00	1.00			29.50		5000.00
Harmony	Perry	1.50	1.50	1.50				2.50			1.50	.50					400.00
Hepzibah	"	9.45	9.45	8.65		.50		7.00	5.00	34.71	5.00	1.00	75.00	5.00	5.00		500.00
Hopewell	"	20.35	14.25	17.60				10.00	66.00		18.20	2.00	325.00	53.00	61.98	7.70	1200.00
Macedonia	Bibb	1.00	2,60	6 20		1.00			1.03		5.25	1.00	100.00				450.00
Medline	Perry	2.00	2.00	2 00		.50					1.50	1.00	50.00		3.00	1,00	500.00
Mt. Gilead	"	7.50	4.00	3.50				5.00			14 40	1.00					
Mt. Hebron	Hale	1.00	1.00	1.00							3.18	1.00					800.00
Mt. Olive	Bibb							2.75			2.75	1.00					300.00
Newbern	Hale	24.35	24.75	28.37			4.08	13 95	61.00	62.32	28 30	2.00	200.00	48.25	72.98	12.75	1000.00
New Hope	Perry	2.50	2.50	2.50				2.00			3.10	1.50					
New Shiloh	Hale	5.51	5.52	5.51				5.00			10,00	1.00	153.50				
Oak Grove	Perry			6.00								.50					
Ocmulgee	"	8.00	3.85	3.83	4.35	1.00		12.54			7.17	1.00	86.75		3.00		600.00
Pine Flat	"	24.11	2.00	8.27		.50		32.78			12.91	1.50	150.00		21.50		600.00
Pisgah	"	22.92	4 92	4.91				5.10		5.00	3.00	1.50	200.00		44.00		1000.00
Siloam	"	114.51	60.23	84.71	250.00	2.50		26 34	635.60	136.82	63.68	2.50	1300.00	64.13	230.33	25.00	9000.00
Sardis	"	3.00	3 00	4.00		.50		3.00			3.00	.50					300.00
Stewart's Station	Hale	8.90	3 39	3.83		.50	1.00	5.44			7.30	1.00					300.00
Union	"	7.75	1.37	2 62		.50					2.75	1.00	26.00		12.75		
Uniontown	Perry	15.00	13.32	18.01				5.37			8.16	1.50	225.00	1009.88	36.42		2000.00
TOTAL.		378.07	195.63	283.96	276 78	10.50	5.08	205.83	773.63	237.85	268.34	37.00	3456,75	1180.26	60 7.97	57.20	29350.00

FROM SILOAM:—Ministerial Aid, $53.25; Womens' Society and Sunbeams, $136.82. From Ladies' Aid Society, Newbern, $10.50 for Mrs. Sopir, of Brazil; Foreign Mission box $52.00; Orphans' Home. $30.57; Freight on boxes $6.00. Total $99.07.